GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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PANCHAYAT SANCHAR SEVA KENDRA
RAM SHAKAL

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any scheme to make `Panchayat Sanchar Seva Kendra` scheme more attractive to increase the availability of postal stamps and stationery;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any increase has been registered in annual target during the last one year and till date; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The fixed allowance paid to the Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendra Agent was enhanced from Rs. 300/- to Rs. 600/- (Rupees six hundred only) with effect from 1.3.2001, in order to make the scheme more attractive.

(c) & (d): During the year 2000-2001, a target for opening 2000 PSSKs was fixed, against which a total of 2005 were opened. Similarly during the current Annual Plan i.e. 2001-2002, a target for opening of 2000 PSSKs has been fixed.